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# THE NEW GENERAL PARSONAGE

This beautiful brick-veneer ranch-style house, with lifetime asbestos roof, is the new parsonage built for our present General Overseer and his successors. It stretches its 95-foot length across the beautiful 175-foot-by-200-foot lawn facing Centenary Avenue in one of the most prominent residential sections of Cleveland, only one block from Lee College. The double concrete driveway to the ultra-modern double garage, with the attractive cupola, and the meandering red-tile walk, adds to the attractiveness of the lawn nearly as much as the



beautiful shade trees. The  $\frac{3}{4}$ -size basement, with concrete floor and walls of cement blocks, furnishes ample space for the household laundry, which is thoroughly equipped with the most modern electrical appliances. There is also space for a storage room and a play-room for the children. The window sashes in the basement and the outside door are of steel.

The building throughout is floored with the best grade of oak, and the doors are in natural wood finish. The house is plastered, with the exception of the study, the large, well-arranged closets which are lined with cedar, and the bathrooms, which are partially done in tile. The house is heated with radiant heat through the ceilings, with a thermostatic control in each room. The beauty of a heating system like this is that you hardly know from where the heat is coming. The light fixtures are modest, but appropriate.

Upon entering the house from the front, you are in a lovely hall between the kitchen breakfast nook and study. The floor is covered with a beautiful gray carpet that stretches over the hall, the large living room, dining room, then climbs the steps to the half story above and runs the hallway.

To the right of the front entrance is the study, with natural pine walls, built-in bookshelves and desk. The furniture is also in natural color. A wide window, with a beautiful cornice and floral drapery, open onto the lawn. May I say here that venetian blinds are on all the windows, and

the window sashes are of aluminum, with tile window stools.

There is an adjoining bath between the study and the guest room. It is done in lovely light green tile, with the ceiling and border in white. The walls of the guest room are of chartreuse and plum colors. This room has two large windows, one at the side, opening onto the lawn, and the other at the end, beautifully draped with nylon curtains. The floor is covered with throw rugs in keeping with the color scheme and mahogany furniture. Adjoining this room, on the back side of the house, there is a twin bedroom, also furnished in mahogany. It is done in light blue and trimmed, as are all the rooms, with white. Beautiful blue throw rugs are on the floor. This room has three windows, a large one at the end and two at the side, with lovely drapery. It has a large square bathroom, furnished with the most modern of bath facilities, done in blue tile. The window is bordered with white drapery.

Next to this is the beautiful living room, with an inviting open fireplace bordered in black marble and a white mantle with built-in shelves at the left. The room is furnished with Victorian furniture, with attractive table lamps. In the center, at the back of the room, opening onto the spacious back lawn, is a large picture window with rose draw-drapes, in perfect keeping with the blue-gray walls, white ceiling and gray carpet. At the end, in the corner, is a door opening on the neat, tiled terrace porch, lead-

ing onto the lawn.

Next is the dining room with rose-gold walls and mahogany furniture by Bernhart. It is lighted with two large beautiful windows, with appropriate drapery and a pretty, yet modest, silver-plated chandelier. The hall between the dining room and the kitchen leads into the lovely breezeway which is about 9 by 12 feet, enclosed with glass jalouses, and opens into the double garage.

Coming back down the hallway we first come to the kitchen, on our right, with the best of electrical appliances and lovely white cabinets, with the tops covered with yellow formica, and light green walls. The floor is checked green linoleum, trimmed with yellow and red. The breakfast nook is as cozy as you will find anywhere.

Now let us take a turn to the left and climb the gray-carpeted steps to the half-story section above. At the landing on the left are built-in closets, and as you turn into the hallway, on the left are built-in cabinets. (There is no space wasted anywhere in this building.) There is a window over the landing where an attic fan is installed. Down the hallway on the left is the bathroom done in pink tile with white border and ceiling, and black bluebird drapery. On the right is a bedroom with an attractively draped window opening onto the front roof. It is furnished in light oak, and the walls are done in light green, with throw rugs making the glistening oak floor

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## DOCTOR DECKER ACCEPTS NAE POST



The position of full-time Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals was accepted by the Rev. Rutherford L. Decker, D. D., L.L.D., pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., and since October, 1951, part-time Executive Director of the NAE. Dr. Decker has been identified with NAE since its beginning in 1942, being president from 1946 to 1948, and as Executive Secretary in 1949 and 1950 while on leave of absence from his church. He was chairman of the Commission on Missions which brought into being the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, and has represented NAE at many important denominational conferences and conventions in this country and abroad, including the First International Conference of Evangelicals in Clarens, Switzerland, August, 1948. Decker was born and educated in New York State (Colgate University and Colgate Theological Seminary). He spent 20 years as pastor in the Rocky Mountain region as pastor of Baptist churches. He has pastored the Temple Baptist Church in Kansas City for 9 years, during which time 1,000 persons have professed conversion and 581 have been baptized under his ministry. In 1948 his church was destroyed by fire, apparently caused by an incendiary bomb. During the past 3 years over \$300,000 in cash has been raised for the new building which replaced the old. Dr. Decker is much in demand as an evangelist and an inspirational speaker, and is known as a master of the art of illustration. His ministry is especially interesting to young people, and many have volunteered for Christian service in his meetings. Under his guidance, 21 young men have entered the ministry, and he has helped many others with their theological studies, often making his large library available to them. Dr. and Mrs. Decker will make their home in Chicago as they undertake this new post, although he retains his title as Associate Pastor of the Temple Baptist Church.—E/P.

There will not be an issue of the EVANGEL printed the week of August 23. The next issue will be August 30, and should carry at least a partial report of the 44th General Assembly.

### COVER PICTURE

The beautiful little church shown on the front cover is located in the city of Williamson, W. Va., 3 blocks from the courthouse, or the business district, in the heart of a billion-dollar coal field. It is brick veneered, with a full-sized basement. The windows are of hammered glass, the interior walls of celotex, with hardwood floors, oak trim, factory-made pews, Bible stand, and fluorescent lights. On the main floor is a pastor's study and secretary's room. The basement has 4 Sunday School rooms, a kitchen, dining room, and 2 rest rooms. We came here September 4, 1950, and found a fine band of God-fearing people with a mind to work. There was no money in the treasury, but God was with us. We paid off the old debt that was past due. In one service, \$1,600 was given in cash and pledges. Much hard work has been done by the members and friends of the church. Every department has a nice increase. The young people purchased a piano which cost \$530, for which we are very thankful. At one time the Y. P. E. had a contest for one month and raised \$422 on our building program. The L. W. W. B. raised \$400 in one month; in the 21 months we have been here, they have raised \$2,500 on the financial program. The Sunday School has broken all records of the past with a nice increase. The tithes have increased, and we have taken in 25 new members. God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.—E. R. Heaton, Pastor.

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more beautiful. Now the hallway leads into the twin bedroom furnished with blonde furniture. The walls are done in orchid, with lovely pink nylon curtains over the window and chartreuse throw rugs decorating the floor.

Next is the all-purpose room. The end walls of this room are done in dark blue, and the side walls in lighter blue. It is furnished with Chinese red and gray furniture, with beautiful drapes.

Sister Chesser has been highly complimented as an interior decorator by Home Economic teachers of Lee College. In fact, the Home Economics classes have made a study of her work as an example to follow in planning interior decorating. Brother Chesser has also worked faithfully in every way possible in his overseeing of the construction and furnishing of this building. After much careful checking on prices locally and out of state, he purchased the furniture and appli-

ances at a saving of from 25 to 50 per cent. When the Supreme Council approved this building project it was thought by some that it would cost, furnished, \$43,000. The building was completed at a cost of between 36 and 37 thousand dollars. I am sure that an expert appraiser would place a much higher value on this building which will serve our General Overseers, in all possibility, until Jesus comes.—J. D. B.

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### DECLARATION OF FAITH

#### WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.



# Spiritual Irrigation

By J. A. Whitlow, pastor, Seneca, S. C.

Amos 5:24, "But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream."

We are told that over more than half of the earth's surface there is too little rain to make agriculture possible by ordinary means. In some parts of the world rain falls only during the winter, which is too early for growing crops, while the summer is hot and dry; and in other parts of the world rain rarely falls during any time of the year. Where the rainfall averages from 10 to 20 inches a year, dry farming is possible, but if there is less than 10 inches of rain, irrigation is necessary.

I think of the great Laguna Dam that spans the great Colorado River between Yuma, Ariz., and Potholes, Calif., with its mighty diversion canal that carries water to California's Imperial Valley. Then I begin to understand the wonderful benefits of irrigation.

While musing on the thought of irrigation, my mind goes to the prophecy of Zechariah, who said, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness"—a fountain from which judgment shall run down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream. Jesus Christ of Nazareth, on Mt. Calvary, on an old wooden cross, between two thieves, opened up that stream. With a cruel spear they opened up the head waters of a life-giving stream, and in Christ Jesus a great reservoir of power, through His blood, has been accumulated. From this mighty supply of God's rich grace, the blessed irrigation of healing influences may seep through to touch and pulverize the dry clots of unbelief.

By 1940 some 5 million acres of land were obtaining full or supplemental supplies of water from federally constructed projects. The cost of this vast enterprise amounted to one and a half million dollars. The money was wisely spent, for land heretofore sadly barren was helping to feed a hungry world.

As surely as there was a need to spend money, time, and effort in claiming wasted land for agriculture, there is a greater need in salvaging the lost souls of men for Christ today.

Our whole land needs a watering of Pentecost. A general reformation of righteousness is greatly in demand to save us from chaos and the terrible vengeance of God that comes to all people who forget the Lord.

God's judgments and righteousness must have their proper influences over the masses of humanity if democracy is to survive. People are talking of a

free world and peace upon earth, but they neglect the work of spiritual irrigation. God's Holy Word can leak through the Iron Curtain and do more to deter the work of Communism than all the allied armies in combat against it. How willing are we to spread the good news to a people in gross darkness? The virtue of God's judgments and righteousness must bear down upon the opposition of vice and profaneness. Let it run wide like an overflowing river and strong like a mighty stream.

We know there is a shortage of spiritual rain in our weak, ordinary way of doing things for God today. From our Lord's great reservoir of life-giving power, there is a need of spiritual irrigation to the ministers of the gospel. God's man will be anointed with the Holy Ghost to preach a message with saving power. It will be a gospel message soaked in prayer and direct from the channel through which flows the dynamics of glory, and a message like this will never be dull or dry. Powerless preaching is a great curse in Christendom today.

Isaiah says, "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil, and put darkness for light and light for darkness, that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." The righteousness of God must filter through to cold hearts of unbelief. Faith in a risen Christ will change the attitude of many a dead service and will put life into a cold, dry, tedious sermon.

God is ever ready to grant His great plan of righteous irrigation, to water the dry places of unbelief, to melt the hard clots of indifference; then His people will produce the sweet, juicy fruit of the Spirit.

If we reject this righteous irrigation, then the judgments of God will come in upon us like a great flood. Terrors and troubles are often compared to water in the Scriptures. They come suddenly; all at once they burst forth upon men in sin and carnal security. When they say they have peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them. This great flood of trouble will come supernaturally. God, and not another cause, will send it. God will break in upon His enemies like the breaking forth of angry waters. The judgments of God will come violently; they will carry away all opposition to the plan of Jehovah God, and roll on until all enemies of righteousness are subdued and His kingdom of peace and righteousness is established forever. The judgments of God come abundantly, one after another, in dreadful succession, upon individuals and nations, until the great



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purpose of God is accomplished.

I want you to think of the efficacy of this righteous irrigation, or holy waters that emerge from the throne of God. Everything shall live that comes in contact with this healing stream. This is also true of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not only can it reach every man, but each part of every man: life for the understanding—that it might conquer error, touch the intellect, and dispel ignorance; life for the imagination—that strong fires of wicked passions may be quenched and a purer flame of divine love be kindled in their stead; life for the memory—that it be no longer haunted by duels, ghostly, past sins; life for the affections—that they may revel in holy attachment, which is no part of idolatry; life for the whole nature; that it may not be dead in trespasses and sins; life for the destiny—that it may not ever be sullied by the shadow of death, but exult in an ever-bringing inheritance through an eternal day.

This righteous stream must flow into the desert, and love for God shall be implanted where the love of the world so wickedly prevails; then shall the whole nature of man be turned to serve the dear Lord.

This righteous irrigation shall flow into the sea of unrest and wickedness, and, though the proud waters shall resist its influence, it shall overcome their frantic waters and heal them of their loathsome plague.

It is a wonderful day for the Church of God, to know we are living in this

great time of mighty miracles wrought by the healing influence of the hand of God. We have seen with our own eyes the great healings for both soul and body, as was accomplished in the early days of the church, by authority in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The righteous irrigation has begun in earnest. The great sea of unbelief has risen up against this last-day message of deliverance, but the wonderful influence of God's power moves on until we think many shall be purged of their unbelief, and righteous irrigation shall continue its work of life-giving vitality until the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

## They Say ...

### HAVE YOU MET MRS. BUT?

Mrs. "BUT" is our next-door neighbor. Her real name is Green, but Jonas, whenever he sees her marching up the walk, remarks, "My dear, here comes Mrs. But." He is not given to calling people names; he says it merely to put me on guard, for he knows my neighbor's failing. She is a bright, breezy woman, and as long as the talk is confined to the weather and household affairs, I quite enjoy chatting with her, but the moment that a human being, living or dead, chances to be mentioned I begin "to quake."

The first time she called—it was soon after she moved into the neighborhood—I happened to say that Mrs. Goodwin, from the opposite side of street, had been in to see me, and that she impressed me as a very lovable character.

"Oh, she is indeed," said Mrs. "But" heartily, "she is such a devoted wife and so good to the poor. But," she went on, lowering her voice, "there used to be a great deal of talk about her when she was a girl, and though I don't suppose half the things that were said were true, people don't seem to forget it."

What necessity there was for this drop of poison to be instilled into my mind I could not see. Mrs. Goodwin's youth was in the far past, and in the gossip concerning her in the remote period I had no interest whatever. I was quite willing to take her as she was in her sweet, ripe womanhood.

One day when Mrs. "But" dropped in, she found my little friend Nellie Grey at the piano. Nellie is a shy, brown-eyed girl of fifteen, gifted with a wonderful ear for melody, and the Greys had no piano, so I offered her the use of mine. "I can't help loving the child, she is such a warm-hearted little creature, and so eager for music," I said as the door closed behind her.

My visitor gave a scarcely perceptible shrug.

"Yes, Nellie seems to be a very nice girl," she admitted, "but I suppose you know that she is a poor-house walf."

I said I knew nothing of the kind.

Mrs. Grey had introduced Nellie to me as her eldest daughter, and the information volunteered by Mrs. "But" was utterly uncalled for.

One evening on our way home from prayer meeting, Jonas remarked that he always enjoyed listening to young Spaulding, as he was so devout and earnest.

"Yes, he is a very interesting speaker," said our neighbor, who had joined us as we came out of the lecture room, "and he seems to be very sincere, but I can't help feeling a little suspicious. I knew him when he was a boy."

Jonas made haste to change the subject; a word of encouragement would have resulted in our hearing the whole history of the young man's boyhood.

"I've no patience," he exclaimed the moment we were by ourselves, "with people who are always bringing up the past. Just imagine what heaven would be if the inhabitants were disposed to indulge in that sort of retrospection? The angel Gabriel himself would hardly be safe from their disparaging 'but,' and the whitest robe in all the 'whiterobed throng' would be in danger of being smutted."

"And yet," I said, "Mrs. But evidently considers herself a Christian."

"Oh, I don't dispute her title," said Jonas, "but I can't help thinking that she might be able to read it clearer if she would rub her glasses with the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians."

—Reprint from Message.

### LIVING EPISTLES

God will never get the glory due unto His name until men are constrained to honor Him by what they see in the lives of His people. We must remember that the vast majority of men are outside our churches and our chapels. They are not reached by our preaching. They do not read our Bible, but they read us and they study us. What they will think of God depends on what they see in us. . . . It is not better preaching we want so much as better living. It is not another gospel we want, but a nobler ethic. It is not more speech about God we want, but more obedience. "God is honored in His saints."—J. D. Jones

### THE MISER AND THE FARMER

One day a farmer came to pay his rent to a Scottish nobleman, whose love of money was very great. When he had settled his bill, he said, "My lord, I will give you a shilling if you will let me go down in the vault and have a look at your money."

The farmer was permitted to see the piles of gold and silver in the miser's big chest. After gazing for awhile, he said, "Now, my lord, I am as well off as you are."

"How can that be?" asked his lordship.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "you never use any of this money. All that you do is to look at it. I have looked at it, too, so I am just as rich as you are." "Be content with such things as ye have" (Hebrews 13:5).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### ... the Answer to Communism

#### Special News Release

Huge billboards shout the slogan, "The Answer to Communism is the Sunday School," throughout Portland, Oregon, and its environs. It's just one phase of the promotion for the seventh annual National Sunday School Convention to be held October 1-4 in that city's Civic Auditorium.

Some 40 Sunday School specialists and inspirational speakers are included on the four-day dramatic program. To top this off there'll be singing by a 500-voice choir with Hilding Halvorson as director and song leader, a mammoth Sunday School parade, the world premiere of at least one new Sunday School motion picture, workshops on almost every phase of Sunday School work and other features.

More than 5,000 delegates and visitors from every part of the country and representing at least 50 denominational groups are expected for the gathering. Local committeemen expect the attendance to break all records for any interdenominational Sunday School convention in this generation. They

attribute this to the rising interest in Sunday School work, especially in the Northwest.

Features speakers include the Rev. Paul Copeland, director of the Assemblies of God Sunday School program; the Rev. Harold Garner, of Moody Bible Institute; the Rev. Harold W. Erickson, Evangelical Free Church leader; Dr. Henrietta C. Mears, First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood; Drs. Lois E. and Mary LeBar, of Wheaton College; the Rev. William Kirschke, Tacoma, Washington; Dr. Warren Filkin, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago; Dr. Ralph E. Stewart, of San Gabriel, California; Dr. H. H. Savage of Pontiac, Michigan; and many others.

Sponsors of the convention are the National Sunday School Association and the Greater Portland Sunday School Association. Present to welcome the visitors will be the Hon. Douglas McKay, governor of Oregon, and Dorothy McCullough Lee, mayor of Portland.—National Sunday School Association, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.





Brother Stalling was licensed as an evangelist in the Church of God on June 22, 1913, and ordained as a bishop on August 25, 1917. He has served the Church in the capacity of district and state overseer and as pastor of a number of churches, including the North Cleveland, Tenn., Church. At present he is pastoring the church at Statesville, N. C.

**"Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart," Psalm 32:11.**

In beginning, allow me to say, it is not now, and never has been, my belief that salvation is altogether a shout; however, I do say shouting is a very definite part of our salvation. If we are in possession of the wonderful blessings of God, it will be impossible to hide it. Jesus said, in Matthew 5:15, "Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." You cannot hide your salvation and retain it. No doubt, the candle would go out under the bushel and if under a bed, would set it on fire. Somehow it will come through if the Spirit of God is allowed free course. This salvation is like the measles—it will break out, and almost every time in the mouth first.

According to the text, all that are upright in heart have a perfect right to shout if they are walking righteously. Let us refer you to some shouting and singing that took place at an early date. Take your Bible and read Job 38:6, 7, "Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Why do we shout? The walls of Jericho would perhaps still be standing had it not been for saints shouting as God commanded. The three thousand might never have been converted had they not been called together on the day of Pentecost by the shouts of the one hundred and twenty who were filled with the Holy Ghost. Dear saints of God, in all our ministerial activities we have found that those

# Be Glad . . . and Rejoice

By Rev. W. M. Stalling, Pastor  
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who are glad in the Lord, glad they have found the Lord, the Messiah, the Christ, and who have the shout of God in their souls and rejoice in living right, are of great use to the Church of God.

A poor man once saved a city from perishing with hunger. His wisdom was not immortalized in the newspapers in flaming headlines, for he was a poor man. The city was besieged so closely that it was death to appear outside the walls. Everything within was devoured but one bullock; while without were hundreds of fat cattle grazing. In the extremity, the poor but wise man received permission to use strategy to procure food. He constructed a windless which would hoist the bullock several feet above the wall in a moment. Every time this was done the bullock would bellow with all his might. This drew all the cattle of the enemy to the gate. All that had to be done was to open the gate, into which all the cattle eagerly passed. All were soon supplied. This was only for the body, but it does show the necessity of noise. "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart."

We hear someone say "fanaticism." I believe the devil is using that as a scarecrow to frighten the Christian from doing the will of the Lord. The thing that should be alarming to us is that so many are formal. There are ten thousand icebergs to one fanatic. There are more brakemen than firemen. If you want the joy of the Lord, do not close all the dampers of your souls, but rather open the draft, throw the throttle wide open, and proceed to shovel coal. We think of the stoker as a good illustration. When the fire begins to cool off just a little, the stoker is so constructed that it automatically proceeds to shovel coal. Too many of us freeze up at the mouth when we get into a place where there is famine, and there seems to be plenty of such places nowadays.

If you like a place where everything is quiet and plenty dry, you can find it. If you like a lively church, you can find it. We would do no violence to say that there are preachers to suit them all. Recently we read of a convention held in the eastern section of our country for one week. Fifty thousand people who professed salvation attended this convention, and there wasn't one convert. Put fifty thousand fire-baptized, Holy-Ghost-filled people in the largest city in the United States, and they would revolutionize it. In every place Paul the apostle went after receiving the Holy Ghost and fire would have a revival or a riot, and sometimes both. I refer you to one instance in the Scriptures:

Acts 17:5, 6, "But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assailed the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." Just previous to this, Paul and Silas had closed a wonderful prayer meeting in the Philippian jail: "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed." Yes, thank God, there was some rejoicing and shouting going on around there. The jailor and his family were blessed and baptized. Many times when the way looks dark, when it seems our souls are about to famish, we can begin to sing and pray and then God sends His blessings. We read in Numbers 21:16, 17, "The Lord spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water. Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it." You might say, "It is hard to sing around a dry hole like this or that." You must keep singing; the water will come.

Remember, anyone can praise God after the devil has been defeated, but it takes a man with full salvation to praise God when things seem hopeless and dry. Too many of us are like the goose. You can whip a goose a thousand times; yet, when it is let go, it will return to its flock exclaiming exceedingly, "I have the victory; I have the victory." Not a word of it is so. Here's what happened: they gave that goose a good whipping and he was glad to get loose. Why can we not be like the fighting cock which never claps his wings and crows unto his enemy is defeated? No wonder David said, in Psalm 95:1, 2, "Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." Yes, we can say with the Psalmist, "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart."

Perhaps the story of Old Mose might show us the use of shouting. Once there was an old negro named Mose who lived with his kind master on a large plantation. One day the Lord saved Old Mose and the course of his life was completely changed. Every morning and night he prayed to God and sometimes he became happy and

shouted. Now Old Mose's quarters were only a hundred yards from his master's, and the master sometimes became disturbed by the servant's praying. Finally he told Old Mose that he would have to quit praying so loudly, but when the Lord began to bless Old Mose, he forgot all about his master's rule. The master pardoned him twice, but at last he told him he would have to sell him. He was sold to a merchant from Maryland who allowed the old negro to pray as much as he liked, and although he was miles away from his former master, he never forgot to mention him in prayer. One day, shortly after the selling of Old Mose, the former master was seen in Maryland. He went straight to where Old Mose was now located. The merchant

who had bought Mose was in his store and directed the man upstairs to where Old Mose was working. In a few minutes he heard an unusual shuffling of feet, someone sobbing violently, and someone talking hurriedly. Going to the head of the stairs, he was startled to see Mose in the middle of the floor down upon his knees, with his arms around his former master, and weeping audibly. The master said he had never been able to free himself from the influence of Mose's prayer and that during the past year he and his wife and all of the children had been converted to God. That was something about which to shout. "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart."

#### ASSEMBLIES OF GOD LOSES LEADER

Funeral services in Springfield, Mo., July 16, marked the close of a brilliant career for the Rev. Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, who passed away in Cardiff, Wales, July 8, a few days after his 50th birthday. Steelberg was



Rev. Wesley R. Steelberg

in England for the World Conference of Pentecostal Churches, and also to carry on radio rallies in behalf of REVIVALTIME, the Assemblies' worldwide radio program, on which he was speaker. He had been ailing for a number of months, but had gone to fulfill appointments in England in spite of his physical weakness. He was able to speak only at the Cardiff meeting when he was seized by a violent heart attack and lay at the point of death for a number of days. His wife was with him, as was Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Flower, General Secretary for the Assemblies, and other officials of the organization who were in England for the World Conference. His son, Wesley P. Steelberg, a pastor in Redlands, Calif., flew to England to be with his father. A pioneer in the Assemblies organization, Brother

Steelberg had been active and prominent in youth work and as pastor and denominational official since his young manhood. He was greatly beloved by the Assemblies people, and word of his passing came as a great shock to the 6,000 churches in the organization. The position of General Superintendent will be filled by the General Presbytery, ruling body of the denomination, from among four assistant superintendents who served with Steelberg.—E-P.

### Testimonies

WRIGHT CITY, Mo.—I suffered untold misery in my left side and back; the doctor could do nothing for me. Then I had Sister Elizabeth Moore to pray for me, and the Lord healed me. I praise His holy name for it. Pray for me, and that my children will be saved.—Ruby J. Jones.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—For almost 3 months I had ear trouble, and finally one ear abscessed. I suffered terribly with earache for a whole day, and finally my husband requested prayer. The Lord healed me, and in about 10 minutes I got relief. My hearing is almost normal again and I can never praise the Lord enough.—Mrs. F. A. Sylvester.

LONG ISLAND, Ala.—On May 31 my 13-year-old girl was hit by a truck. It knocked her about 15 or 20 feet and tore her clothes and shoes off her. She was almost dead. Brother Richie and Brother Jills of Chattanooga, Tenn., were here in a revival praying for the sick, and all the church people began to pray for her. We don't know just how badly she was hurt, but we do know that she is completely healed.—Mrs. J. C. Pinion.

SAUCIER, Miss.—I wish to thank all the dear saints who prayed for us when my husband was out of work for two years. He now has a job and is doing good. The Lord is really blessing us. I received the Holy Ghost over a year ago, and although we cannot get to church, I enjoy listening to the good sermons on the radio. Soon I hope we can get a car so we can go

to church. We live on the Robin Wood Dairy Farm, and would enjoy visits from our Christian friends. Pray for us all.—Mrs. Orval King and family.

DELHI, La.—I give my praises to God for I find all I need in God and His church. I was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost on June 17, 1923. A few years later I had the privilege of hearing Brother Lee Glasscock, who was the first Church of God man I had ever heard. Brother Glasscock was laboring to build a church there, and he gave us such a warm welcome to the services that my family began going there to church and Sunday School. We all began to work to build a place to worship. I learned of the good, clean teachings of the church, and in the early part of 1935, my 2 daughters and I came into the Church of God. In 1947 we moved to Monroe, La., and found a God-fearing man, Brother Horace Taylor, there. There is a wonderful sheepfold in our church, and a group of people who love God, their church, and each other. I am much in need of your prayers, and have several requests that I should like for you to remember in your prayers.—May Porter, Box 209.

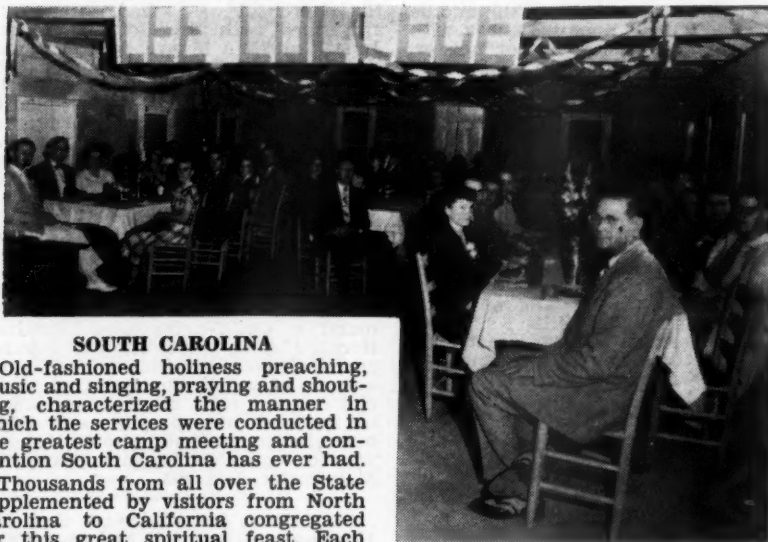
MANATEE, Fla.—I praise God for His goodness to me. I had an operation Feb. 28 for cancer, and the Lord touched my body and also the cancer that was cut out, so that when the doctor sent it off for testing, there were not any roots on it. I know God did this marvelous work, for many prayers were going up for me. I also thank God for my pastor, Brother Hugh, and his wife, who were so faithful in coming to pray for me. Please continue to pray for me.—Mrs. E. C. Hardy, Box 914.

CORSICANA, Texas—I had lost so much blood I didn't have any strength left when I went to see Dr. Kelton here in Corsicana. He said an operation at once was all that would save me. He also said I needed two other operations. I had a cyst as large as a teacup in my side. My mother asked Brother and Sister G. W. Alford to pray for me. Now the cyst is completely gone. I went back to Dr. Kelton; he didn't know what to think. He said he had never seen anything happen like that before. I told him that it had happened because of the prayers that had gone up in my behalf. I thank you so much for your prayers.—Mildred Baungartner.

FESTUS, Mo.—About 6 years ago I wrote to you asking for prayer. I was suffering such agony and misery I felt as though I couldn't go on living. The specialist could do no good, as far as I know. Our good friends, Rev. and Mrs. Claude Yates, prayed for me, others prayed, and I was praying almost constantly. I thank you all for your prayers, for I am so much better, although not entirely well. May God bless all of you who prayed so faithfully for me. I give praise to God for all He has done.—Mrs. Ruth Jenni, 614 S. 4th St.



# Condensed Reports of Great



## SOUTH CAROLINA

Old-fashioned holiness preaching, music and singing, praying and shouting, characterized the manner in which the services were conducted in the greatest camp meeting and convention South Carolina has ever had.

Thousands from all over the State supplemented by visitors from North Carolina to California congregated for this great spiritual feast. Each night every available seat was taken. The ministers and all of the committeemen carried out their duties with a genuine spirit of love and unity.

Our beloved state overseer, Brother John L. Byrd, who has been with us such a short time, but who has endeared himself to the ministry and to the laity by his straightforward, clean-cut, square-shooting methods of dealing with all, proved again that he was a master in handling all of the details incidental to a great meeting. Many times his warm words of admonition were interjected at just the right moment to cause the spiritual tide to rise to a higher pitch. His gospel preaching and sound advice add-

ed much to the camp meeting revival.

Brothers Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer, who is dearly loved, J. A. Cross, the morning speaker, and C. E. Richard, the evening speaker, were at their very best in declaring the glorious gospel. Brothers Cecil Bridges, Publishing House Business Manager, John C. Jernigan, Lee College President, R. Leonard Carroll, Lee College President-Elect, Wade Horton, member of the General Missions Board, and our own South Carolina ministers appeared on the program.

The missions service was surely an outstanding one. Brother and Sister Robert F. Cook, of India, Sister Odine

Morse, of Haiti, Brother and Sister James Beatty, of Dominican Republic, Brother and Sister O'Neil McCullough, of Honduras, Brother and Sister H. L. Case, Brothers W. D. Childers, and J. B. Camp gave inspiring testimonies which made the mission work more real. This was followed by an anointed sermon on missions by Brother Wade Horton, after which a floor offering was received in the amount of \$4,235.08. This, added to the total of \$11,968.04 from the churches, made \$16,203.12 for missions. This was the largest offering for missions that South Carolina has ever given. Hallelujah!

Youth day is always a great day at the camp meeting! Brother and Sister Brady Dennis, full of zeal as always, gave an informative and inspiring program in behalf of the children's church, Sunday School, Y.P.E., and Lee College.

The L.W.W.B. program, with Sister John L. Byrd in charge, revealed that the women of the Church are really helping to put the program over, and that they can preach and sing, as well as work on money-raising projects for the Church.

A blessed, holy atmosphere prevailed throughout the entire meeting. Seekers were in the altar every night. The laymen and ministers were strengthened to return to their posts of duty and to do more for God than ever before.—Linwood Jacobs, Pastor at Spartanburg, S. C.

## MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi camp meeting convened in the lovely new Hattiesburg church, June 17-22, under the good leadership of our state overseer, G. C. Hamby. The program was excellent, cooperation wonderful, and the power of the Holy Ghost was real.

The host pastor, Rev. A. J. Phillips, and his church surely did a fine job of making things pleasant for everyone. In this great meeting were inspired songs of praise, sermons, offerings to help others, a friendly atmosphere, greetings and old acquaintances renewed, manifestations of the Holy Ghost, and people seeking God. Our guest speakers, Revs. E. M. Ellis, H. L. Chesser, John C. Jernigan, and J. W. Leatherwood, surely fed our souls with inspirational preaching.

From our own state many good gospel messages were delivered by Revs. H. E. Lambert, Hal B. Rushing, Ralph Boyles, Mrs. E. H. Babb, E. N. Wright, Jr., Hulon Evans, and Paul Barker.

The youth services, under the direction of our state youth director, E. H. Babb, were good. The place given to the Juniors, many of whom had been attending a Daily Vacation Bible School at the convention under the direction of Sister Phillips, surely was fitting. Their lovely response gave much evidence of the importance of spiritual guidance for children. Brother Ray (age 13) preached Saturday





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evening, using the words of Jesus, "I must be about my Father's business."

Sister Lombard surely gave an awakening message on "Parental Delinquency." Sister Babb's message and presentation of carnations to older ministers and their companions was very sacred.

The Sunday morning mission service was wonderful. Our state overseer did a splendid job encouraging the people to give. The response was an offering in the amount of \$2,329.15, including some pledges. We feel the convention was a great success.—Mary Grace Comans, Convention Reporter.

## NEW JERSEY

Those who have attended all the New Jersey conventions say this was the best. The spiritual tide ran high from start to finish. The visiting ministers, Reverends Edwin Tull, G. W. Lane, Raymond Crowley, William Morris, and Bill Cook, were at their best when they preached to us.

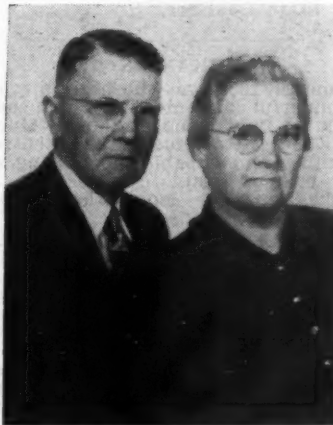
The mission offerings for this year far surpassed all previous records, with a total of \$1,205, and the Orphanage offering of \$250 was the largest ever. What makes these offerings more remarkable is the fact that we have only two churches and an active membership of much under 100; also, that Millville has built a new parsonage valued at \$20,000 and paid for it by raising the last \$9,999 in the past year. The plans for their new church have been let out for bids. Construction is planned to begin the first of August. Pleasantville has purchased a \$3,500 building and owes less than \$1,000 on it. These facts show that though we are only a few here in New Jersey we have a mind to work. A church is being opened in Salem. We hope to organize it by the Assembly.

Though our churches are few and our state convention small, in comparison with others, we here in New Jersey feel it was the best, because of the wonderful services and the generous giving of our people.—Walter R. Pettit, State Overseer.

## GEORGIA

It is a very common expression, "We had the greatest camp meeting that we have ever had." In fact, that is the report we have received this year of every state from which we have heard. The statement was made by hundreds here in Georgia, and I think that after looking at it from every viewpoint, their evaluation is certainly justifiable.

The regular speakers, L. L. Turner, Jr., and M. G. McLuhan, were on time, and from their very first appearance all seemed to be convinced that the Lord was in the program, with just the men that the Lord would have for us. The 9 a. m. services were presided over by Brother McLuhan of



REV. AND MRS. E. L. SIMMONS  
SAY GOOD-BYE TO GEORGIA

And now the time has come. It has been great to know you, and to have been your overseer for these four short years that have so speedily flown by. Our fellowship has been great, and our love past that of a great family.

Thanks to a great state for your genteel care, consideration, cooperation, and hospitality.

We both join in saying to each and all of you, "Good-bye and God bless you."—Brother and Sister Simmons.

Minot, N. Dak. His teaching was on the great doctrines of the Bible, and his audience sat enraptured as they listened to him. The evening messages by Brother Turner were filled with zeal, pathos, and great emotion. Many were melted to tears and fell at the altar.

Speakers for the 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. services were chosen from the Georgia ministers and visiting ministers. All of them did a very fine job.

Our mission service on Sunday morning was certainly wonderful in every respect. William E. Johnson, pastor at Fort Mill, S. C., and member of the Foreign Missions Board, delivered the mission sermon, which was a wonderful message. The message was followed by an offering from the floor. A large number of anxious contributors stood for one hundred dollars, then fifty, twenty-five, ten, and five. Then the pans were passed, and when all was counted, it amounted to approximately \$3,500. The churches brought offerings amounting to around \$11,418.07, all of which when added together amounted to \$14,918.07, \$918.07 above that of last year.

A very striking message was delivered by Earl P. Paulk, Sr., in behalf of our Orphanage, and a floor offering of \$240.27 was received.

Saturday, July 5, was declared Youth Day and the youth director, Earl P. Paulk, Jr., had a very fine program worked out. In all the activities of the day, youthful ministers participated, but possibly no part was more inspiring than the panel discus-

sion "Problems of Youth," which was presided over by the state youth director. Those involved in this discussion included our National Youth Director, Lewis J. Willis; Max L. Atkins, pastor at Augusta; Lewis Stover, Jr., pastor at Rockmart; W. P. Stanley, pastor at Marietta, and the Bible teacher.

The L. W. W. B. service was presided over by Mrs. E. L. Simmons. A brief resumé of the L. W. W. B. work in the State of Georgia showed a very fine increase, and that the women, as usual, had been on the job from the state president to the L. W. W. B. president of the very smallest church.

Even though most of the large states had their camp meetings at the same time, we were honored with the presence of Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer; Earl P. Paulk, Sr., overseer of North Carolina; H. D. Williams, overseer of Northern Alabama; R. R. Walker, overseer of Kentucky; John C. Jernigan, retiring President of Lee College; R. Leonard Carroll, President-elect of Lee College; W. E. Johnson, pastor at Fort Mill, S. C.; and several pastors and evangelists.

## OREGON—IDAHO—WASHINGTON

The annual camp meeting of the Northwest District of the Church of God has closed and it now remains only in memory, but it is a very precious memory, indeed.

Through the zeal and enthusiasm of our overseer, Brother F. W. Goff, and his corps of able ministers and members, many permanent improvements were made on the grounds before the meeting. Cabins were built; tent platforms were constructed; a large two-story dormitory was erected; and accommodations in every way were greatly improved. However, in spite of the added accommodations, practically every available space was either taken or spoken for before the meeting commenced. As the meeting progressed the entire seating capacity of the large tabernacle was taken up.

Brother Conn, our special speaker, was at his best, and as he unfolded the great and blessed truths of divine grace in his own inimitable manner, our hearts were thrilled through and through. The ministers of the district brought their contribution, and the visiting friends all joined to have the very best camp meeting ever held on these grounds.

Brother Morehead's missionary message will long be remembered for its great vision and wide-sweeping perspective as he outlined the task of the Church in these times of tremendous world crises and in the face of the incoming tides of Communism.

Brother Stanfield's message on our schools left us all more highly sensitized toward Christian education and the importance of giving our youth an understanding of eternal truths over and above a knowledge of

just material things.

We heartily thank God for the camp of 1952, and under the influence of its inspiring memories will wait a bit more patiently until the day dawns, the shadows flee away, and our blessed Lord Jesus returns.—T. W. Kennington.

#### FAREWELL TO LOUISIANA BY REV. AND MRS. T. M. McCLENDON



There is a degree of sadness in our hearts as we say farewell to our many friends in this state. I can hardly realize that almost four years have passed since we set foot on Louisiana soil. These have been four years of conflict and victory. I deeply appreciate each minister, member, and friend that we have met and learned to love. Our memoirs will certainly include many rich experiences we have had together in God's work. The fine folks of this state have treated me swell. The ministers have been very nice and stood by us in spite of all our shortcomings. I feel that the work has made reasonable progress. Although we have done nothing worth mentioning, God has helped us, through the faithfulness of the ministers, to make some definite progress. There has been very satisfactory progress in every way. The material progress has been remarkable. Indulge me, please, as I make brief mention of this progress.

Church buildings, new and remodeled, have been: Bastrop, built a new church; Dunn, remodeled the church; Forest, remodeled; Jena, remodeled the church; Archibald, building a new church; Dartigo, built a new church; Hammond, built a new church; Covington, built a new church; Shepherds Fold, built a new church; Mt. Zion, remodeled church; Bethel, built a new church. Many of the churches have made fine progress in paying on indebtedness: New Orleans has done a fine job in raising a large offering on its indebtedness. Baton Rouge has paid off all indebtedness on the church. Parsonages: Covington, built a nice new parsonage; Bogalusa, built a fine new parsonage; Savannah Branch, built a nice parsonage. We have purchased a church building at Lake Arthur.

It would be impossible for me to itemize every improvement made in the various localities. God has greatly

blessed our labors together for Him. We have enjoyed living in Baton Rouge; this is a nice, friendly city. I do not know where my labors will be next year, but we can't forget these four years. My wife joins in saying, God bless each one.—T. M. McCleendon, State Overseer.

#### ARKANSAS

June 23, 1952, was the beginning of a wonderful camp meeting which convened at Bald Knob, Arkansas. Much of its success was due to the extensive planning and capable moderating of our beloved state overseer, L. L. Hughes, and the cooperation of the people who attended.

We were greatly blessed to have as our guest speaker, Rev. L. C. Heaston, who brought to us each evening very inspirational evangelistic messages, also a sermon on missions on Sunday morning. His efforts were rewarded by seeing numbers of people saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, as well as a good mission offering Sunday morning, which was an increase over last year's offering. We give God the praise for this.

Monday night and Tuesday morning we were privileged to have our National Youth Director, Rev. Lewis J. Willis, with us. Tuesday morning he brought a very instructive message on the Y.P.E., which made us want to do more to make our local Y.P.E.'s better in every way possible. His presence in our camp meeting was greatly appreciated.

Throughout the week we heard messages from different Arkansas state ministers, which proved a blessing to everyone present. We were happy to have with us Rev. E. C. Campbell, of Oklahoma City, and Rev. J. T. Holman, of Ohio. Each rendered a very timely message.

Friday evening was given to Sister L. L. Hughes, state L.W.W.B. president, and the Ladies' Willing Workers. Some very good reports were given and Sister Ramsey, Sister Pringle, and Sister Best each received a nice gift for having raised the largest mission offerings in their respective groups. In the conclusion of the program, Sister Hughes was given a nice love offering, also money to purchase a new suit.

Saturday was Youth Day, under the direction of Rev. O. C. McCane, state youth director, and the response was very good. We were blessed to have as our guest speaker that day Rev. Kendall, from Louisiana, also Rev. Sharp. Brother Kendall's message was greatly enjoyed by all. Saturday evening service began with a youth pep meeting and youth march, followed by the film "Lee College in Action."

I shall not be able to name all that participated in the special singing, but it all contributed to making our camp meeting a success. The fine entertainment given to us by W. V. Johnson, H. L. Berry, and Floyd Holt was greatly appreciated.

I am sure the Arkansas camp meeting of 1952 will long be remembered by those who attended.—Reporter, R. S. Pringle.

#### ARKANSAS ACCOMPLISHMENTS THE PAST FOUR YEARS

As a pastor and a member of the state board, I feel it my duty to say a word about our retiring state overseer and some of our accomplishments under his leadership. As most of you know, due to the four-year limitation, our state overseer, Rev. L. L. Hughes, and family will be moving on to a new field of labor. Knowing the conditions which Brother Hughes faced when he came to the State, I am convinced that great achievements have been attained for God and the Church in Arkansas.

Here are some of the things that I know have been done in the last four years.

**CHURCHES ORGANIZED:** Bassett, Blytheville, Prairie Grove.

**NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED:** Blytheville, Bassett, Midway, Sharpes Chapel, Holt's Chapel, Forrest City, Warren, Prairie Grove, Little Rock, Nettleton, and an educational building at Burdette, Marked Tree, and Haze Chapel, plus all the improvements and the finishing of those under construction when he came.

**NEW PARSONAGES CONSTRUCTED:** Pumpkin Bend, Pine Bluff, Warren, Blytheville, Dyer, plus the purchase of a nice state parsonage in a very fine residential section of Little Rock, the state capital, and a very beautiful camp site in Bald Knob, consisting of three acres of well-drained land covered with beautiful oak and hickory shade trees. It also has city water and is bordered on one side by U. S. 67 Highway, which is across the state road, and on the other side by a good graveled highway which makes the site accessible from either road.

Brother and Sister Hughes have worked hard for the State of Arkansas. I am sure I am speaking the sentiment of the ministry and laity of the state when I say we regret to see them go. However, we wish them Godspeed in their work wherever they go and they will always have a warm spot in the hearts of we Arkansans.—Floyd L. Ramsey.

#### VIRGINIA

Rev. T. W. Godwin, our beloved state overseer, was at the top among us in handling the affairs of this great convocation at Radford, Va. The divine refreshing of the Holy Ghost was felt by every God-conscious person there.

The Monday night beginning of the state convention was visited by the Holy Ghost, and from that time on through the morning services at 9:45 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. services, the presence of the Lord graced the convention and camp meeting.

We were glad to have with us our esteemed Assistant General Overseer, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp; Rev. Cecil Bridges, Business Manager of our Publishing House; Rev. W. E. Johnson, pastor, Fort Mill, S. C., and member of the General Missions Board, and his family; Rev. John C. Jernigan, President of Lee College; Rev. James A. Cross, state overseer, Pennsylvania; Rev. A. V. Childers, pastor, Henderson, N. C.,

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## BEAUTIFUL NEW PARSONAGE AT MACCLENNY, FLA.



May 4, 1952, was a very happy day for the members of the Macclenny, Fla., Church of God. This day marked the successful conclusion of a difficult undertaking. Some two and a half years ago, under the faithful leadership of our good pastor, B. E. Chesser, this lovely parsonage was built. It was necessary to finance a portion of the cost of the building by mortgage. At the Assembly the Rev. H. B. Hammond, seen sitting on the porch, became the pastor, and

under his wise and godly guidance the church continued a program which enabled them to burn the mortgage on this day.

This parsonage is of masonry construction. It is a spacious 3-bedroom home. The value of this lovely home is approximately \$10,000. The membership of this church is justifiably proud of this effort, which will remain a tribute to the church for years to come.—Church Reporter.

### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS SCHOOL YEAR ENDS

Another term of school has passed and become history, but it will long be remembered in the minds and hearts of those who live at our Home. After 9 months of intensive study, 25 of our boys and girls satisfactorily completed the work of the 8th grade and were graduated to high school.

These 11 girls and 14 boys, representing 12 states, were proud as could be the night of May 13 when they marched down the aisle to occupy seats of honor on the platform of our Auditorium, along with the principal, Mr. Stanley Nave, County Superintendent M. M. Seaton, the commencement speaker, Mr. Edward Justus, and Rev. Wm. F. Dych. The boys were dressed in their best suits, with white shirts and bow ties, and the girls were all clad in white organdy dresses with beautiful corsages on their left shoulders. It was an impressive sight. All the workers, teachers, visitors, and the other children proudly stood to honor those who had thus far finished their work and were ready to take the next step to higher learning.

On May 16, at 8 p. m., the graduates of the Sevier County High School marched down the aisles of our audi-

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#### PERSONNEL

1st row—left to right, Earl Ellard, Ala.; Ellen Nations, N. C.; Sylvia Hendrix, S. C.; Eunice Judah, Ala.; Donald Jones, Fla.; Helen Gray, S. C.; Ople Ray Stewart, Ala.; Francis Cunningham, S. C.  
2d row—Supt. Wm. F. Dych; Sue Carter, S. C.; John A. Breland, saluatorian, Miss.; Floyd Walseth, N. D.; Vivian Dych, valedictorian, N. J.; E. C. Dilbeck, Tenn.; Thomas Cheers, Ga.; Carolyn Raines, Tenn.; Jerry Blaylock, S. C.; Mr. Stanley Nave, Principal.  
3d row—Charles Erby, Tenn.; Florine Sims, Tenn.; Raymond Adkins, Tenn.; Marietta Baxley, S. C.; Clyde Walseth, N. D.; Barbara Kellner, Missouri; Leo Edwards, Ky.; John Perez, N. Y.; and Kenneth Edwards, Ky.



# Missions . . .

J. H. WALKER, SR.  
Executive Missions  
Secretary



Left to right: Reverends A. J. van Heerden, James L. Slay, S. J. Schutte, and J. H. Saayman.

## REVEREND JAMES L. SLAY'S FIRST CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH AFRICA A SUCCESS

By J. van Heerden, Superintendent of West Cape

We have been privileged to have Brother and Sister Slay of the United States, and I wish to let you know how much we have appreciated his stay with us and also for their first campaign which he has successfully completed in our church at Woodstock, Cape Town.

Dr. Saayman and I went to the boat and had the Slays change their plans and get off at the cape as the moderator was here on his visit to our district.

I can really say with thankfulness to our gracious God that He has visited this part of the vineyard throughout this visit by the moderator. Our Brother Slay has had his share in making things victorious for the work of God. Brother Saayman has given much of his precious time to this part of the country, as it has been a neglected part of our church's work and not very much advancement has been made here for many years.

Brother Slay and his wife have surely shown us that God has His hand upon their lives, and the preaching of the Word has been with much of the old-time power of Pentecost.

Our Assembly had just completed a week of prayer and some fasting when we heard from Brother Saayman that Brother Slay was arriving. We immediately decided that if the brother was willing (and the moderator said: "He had better be"), we would announce a week of special services. This came so unexpectedly that we had no time for advertisements or any of the usual formalities that accompany special services. We meant to trust God to work by His Holy Spirit and do the announcing, also, in His own singular way.

God be praised! All the assembly turned out for the first service, and we sat under the shower of heaven

while Brother Slay gave us of the best that God had given him. The lower auditorium was filled and the saints received such a blessing that they took the message to others in this great city, and so the services were very well advertised in a short time.

Every message seemed to gain in strength, and though Brother Slay had some difficulty with his throat, we saw him carry on each night, under the unction of the Holy Ghost, bringing the message of salvation and holiness with such love and power that the slain of the Lord at the altar each evening were many.

Toward the end of the week we found that the lower auditorium was too small, and the gallery was also crammed to capacity as the people came to hear this man Slay preach the glorious gospel of the risen Saviour.

One night was set aside for praying for the sick, and the message on "The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever" had the assembly in the throes of a bit of glory here on earth. The healing line was long and seemed to increase all the time, but the brother prayed for all who came. Oh, how much do people need the hand of the Lord for their sick bodies and souls!

You can very well understand that we often had to smile under what to us was the queer ways of the Americans, as well as the way it was expressed; but we loved it, nevertheless, and appreciated the fervor of love and genuineness with which every message was brought.

The last night was, indeed, the eclipsing of all the former services, and the church was crammed once again long before the service started. I had to pray God to heal Brother Slay's throat that he might give his best for the Lord, and God has answered prayer. He carried the mighty message of the return of the Lord Jesus through for the longest message yet preached to us, and God wonderfully blessed the message and I believe the messenger as well. There was a



Reverend and Mrs. van der Walt, and J. H. Saayman having a meal in a gravel pit to escape the heavy cold pit.



Herero women in their tribal customary dress, with Sister van der Walt and J. H. Saayman.

glory in that service, and no wonder at the close there was not enough room at the altar for all to kneel. We had numbers of people rededicating their lives to the Lord and some healed and saved.

It was with sorrow that we had to close the first campaign of Brother Slay, as we would have loved to continue and seen more and heard more of the Word of our God ('tis old yet ever new!), and yet we are very happy, too, as we feel that God has been confirming His Word to us, and the chorus that Brother and Sister Slay taught us is still ringing in our hearts: "Oh, victory in Jesus, my Saviour forever; He sought me and He bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me e'er I knew Him, and all my love is due Him; He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood."

Brother Slay will have two more services in the Peninsula before he leaves with Brother Saayman for a trip through the Garden Route to a number of assemblies, and then on to the Transvaal where he will be residing.

I see before him a strenuous time as the moderator is trying to fill his time well with services, and also visits to the mission fields. I have even tried to persuade this man you call "Race-Horse Saayman" to be lenient with



This Herero woman is over 100 years old and is a member of our church.



Reverend and Mrs. P. J. van der Walt, the North Carolina ministers' missionaries.



Herero women and Mrs. van der Walt.

the American; however, I have not had favorable answers to my pleading.

Brother Saayman has also done an astounding amount of good for the work of God here while Brother Slay was with us. He has been having meetings and sessions with the natives, as well as the Coloureds, and simply hundreds have been attending every service.

Last night Brother Saayman reported the hall was packed out with around 700 present during the service. There has been a marvelous response to the Word of God, and something like 100 souls have accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. To God be all the glory!

We should like for America to know that we appreciate the Slays and the message they bring from God to this country.

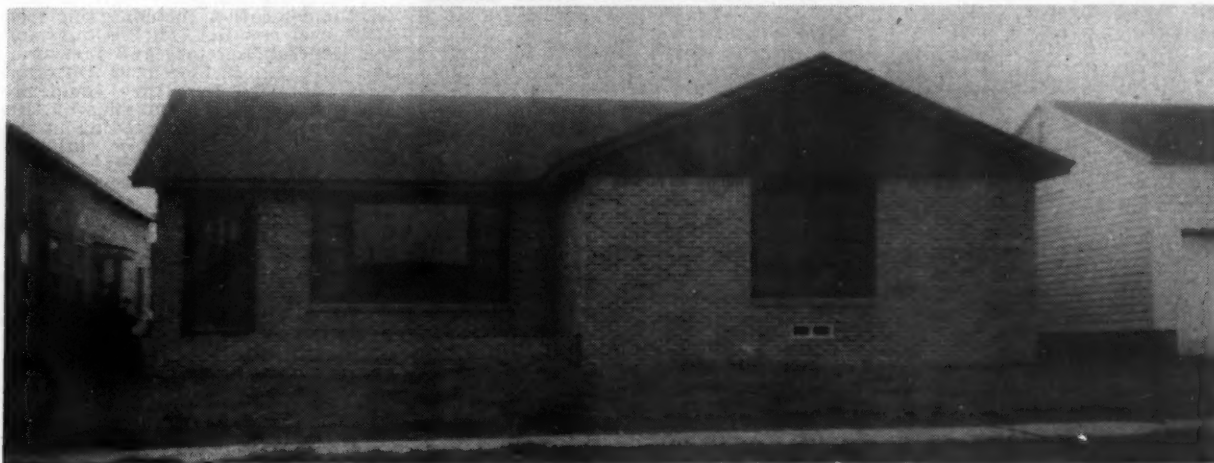


Out in the open under the canopy of heaven, Rev. van der Walt brings J. H. Saayman the early morning coffee.

#### REVIVAL

**DONALSONVILLE, Ga.**—We recently had a tent meeting conducted by Brother D. C. Mitchell, of Miami, Fla. The people were greatly blessed, souls saved, and sick bodies healed. One of the healings that God performed was for a man in a wheel chair. Brother Turner Smith, who is well-known around Donalsonville, Ga., stated that he had had asthma, heart trouble, sugar diabetes, and Bright's disease. The diabetes had become so bad that the doctors had ordered him to stay off his feet or they would have to be taken off. The blood arteries to his feet had closed up to the size of a pin, but God so wonderfully touched his wrecked and ruined body with His great healing power.—A. V. Chandler, Pastor.

#### TEXAS' FIRST BRICK PARSONAGE



Pictured above is the beautiful new 3-bedroom brick parsonage, of the Highland Church of God, in Wichita Falls, Texas. It is located next to the church, in a nice residential section of the city.

The pastor, members, and friends did most of the work, making the cost of the house approximately \$6,000. Its 3 bedrooms and bath, entrance hall and closet, spacious living room, dining room, and well-arranged kitchen take up the 1,400 square feet of floor space.

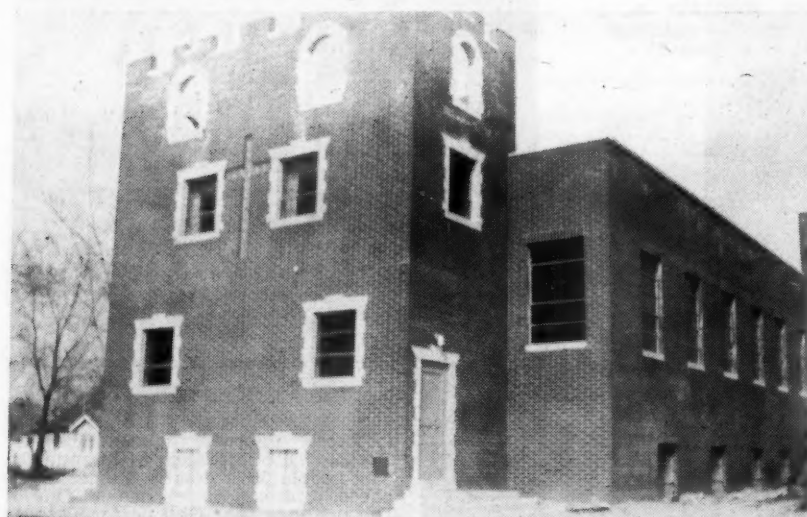
Up until this time, the pastor has been living in the

back of the church. This new parsonage will serve 2 purposes—now that there will be space for 5 Sunday School rooms in the back of the church.

On July 27, a home-coming day was had, at which time there was open house. The pastor, Don Aultman, extended a welcome to all former pastors and friends to come and be with them on that day.

The Highland Church of God feels proud that it has led the way and built Texas' first brick parsonage.—L. H. Aultman, State Overseer.

## Ferndale, Michigan, Church Dedication



Eight years ago this September, we left the little town of Waynesboro, Pa., to come to Ferndale, Mich. When we arrived we met a small group of discouraged people. We began visiting and inviting people to the church. Every Sunday we could see new faces. We started drives on the indebtedness of the church and parsonage. Everybody sacrificed with the pastor, and in a few years an indebtedness of almost \$8,000 was cleared. Then we re-

modeled the Sunday School rooms, finished the upstairs in the parsonage, remodeled the kitchen, and bought new furniture for the living and dining rooms. We converted the coal furnace into gas. Everything is paid for.

On Easter Sunday afternoon a dream was fulfilled which was visualized the first service we attended here. We spoke of some day seeing a beautiful new brick church on the corner.



Rev. R. F. Koshewitz, the happy pastor

Through the hard work and sacrificing of these good people, with their pastor, we now have it. Everyone around here says it is a miracle for a small group of people to put up such a fine church with only a little over \$7,000 indebtedness on it. Our city inspector valued it at \$90,000. Our contractor, a member of the local church, planned and designed the building. He, with the other members and the pastor and some of their friends, worked long hours. God opened ways for materials which were almost impossible to get. We could see God's hand working from the time we began the building until it was finished.

Twenty-six ministers were present for the dedication, including our good state overseer, Rev. M. P. Cross, and our General Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Houston R. Morehead. Different ones expressed how they could see God's hand in the building of this church. Everyone remarked about the beauty of the church. God surely appointed Brother Morehead as he preached the dedicatory sermon. The people wept as Sister Morehead and Brother Ralph Day and the Lovelle Trio rendered those messages in special songs. It seemed that heaven moved a little closer and that we were on holy ground.

Our Sunday School has more than tripled since coming here. We broke all records with 222 present on Easter Sunday. Every department has increased and is on an upward move. Our Sunday School has come to a "AA." We had a wonderful Dally Vacation Bible School, with 73 enrolled.

In our 22 years of pastoral work, we have never worked with a better group of people. They have sacrificed and cooperated with us in every undertaking. Now we can see the fruits of our labors: new faces almost every Sunday, souls being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and some added to the church. To God goes all the praise. Remember us in your prayers.—Mrs. R. F. Koshewitz.



## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

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torium for their commencement exercises. Clad in caps and gowns, they had come to receive the diploma for which they had worked for many years. Among that fine group were 3 of our own children, 2 boys and 1 girl. Thurman Cheers and Leonard Ward had done excellent work throughout their high-school career. Virginia Haynes, who had been on the honor roll and was a member of the Beta Club, was also presented with the W. O. W. medal as the outstanding history student. Our hearts beat a little faster as the state representative made the presentation, for she is "our girl." Leonard had been with us 10 years, and Virginia 11 years.

It will not be long until school will start again for most of the 275 children in our care, and they are more than ever determined to make good so that they, too, at the proper time will receive the rewards of applying themselves to study.—Mrs. Wm. F. Dych, Reporter.

## CONVENTIONS AND CAMP MEETINGS

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who was the night speaker, and his wife; Rev. H. H. Hungate, pastor, Princeton, W. Va., and his wife; Rev. Paul L. Walker, youth speaker, wife, and quartet; Rev. V. D. Combs, pastor, Greensboro, N. C., and many more out-of-state visitors.

Rev. James A. Cross taught in the morning services. Everyone seemed to

be ready and waiting for his inspiring lectures on such subjects as "Doctrine," "Regeneration," "Sanctification," and "The Baptism of the Holy Ghost." This part of the convention was of great value.

Rev. H. H. Hungate brought an inspiring message Saturday, which was a blessing to everyone present. Rev. V. D. Combs brought a message Wednesday which gave each of us a greater zeal to do more for our Lord. All the ministers on the program brought inspiring messages which were a blessing to the people.

Rev. Zeno Tharp brought a timely message Thursday, after which we received the Orphanage offering.

One of the greatest services was, as usual, the mission service Friday morning. The message was delivered by Rev. W. E. Johnson, after which we received our mission offering.

Rev. A. V. Childers was the night speaker. These services were dedicated especially to the evangelistic efforts. He delivered soul-inspiring messages each night, and as the great power of God was manifested, many souls prayed through to victory.

I must mention the splendid program rendered by our state youth director, Rev. George Brazell. He conducted a Children's church each morning. Rev. Paul L. Walker was the youth speaker each evening, and these services proved a blessing to everyone.

Mrs. T. W. Godwin, state L.W.W.B. president, presented an informative program with the ladies of the Willing Workers' Band, who were attending the camp meeting. Her report showed

that thousands of dollars had been raised by the local bands to lift the financial loads of the churches' budgets. This camp meeting and convention, I believe, was one of the best I have ever attended.—Letha Vaughn, convention clerk.

## THOSE SENDING IN FOUR OR MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS July 21-August 1

Leon Patterson, Lanegan, Mo.	8
Ruth Morgan, Steeds, N. C.	5
Louis Bowerman, Slaton, Texas	4
C. H. Elrod, High Point, N. C.	16
H. P. Ford, Jr., Yazoo City, Miss.	4
Mrs. Geneva Weekly, Mobile, Ala.	6
W. C. Byrd, Lakeland, Fla.	8
Mrs. R. S. Bennett, Naples, Fla.	5
W. C. Collins, Red Boiling Springs, Texas	4
C. W. Collins, Pulaski, Va.	4

## FOR SALE

Lafayette Sound System, 40 Watt, A. C. and D. C., in perfect condition. Includes trumpet speakers, mike and stand, 50 records, case, other extra equipment. Must sell because of sickness. May be seen at Church of God parsonage in New Lacy, Ga.—O. L. Kelly, Route 4, Alma, Ga.

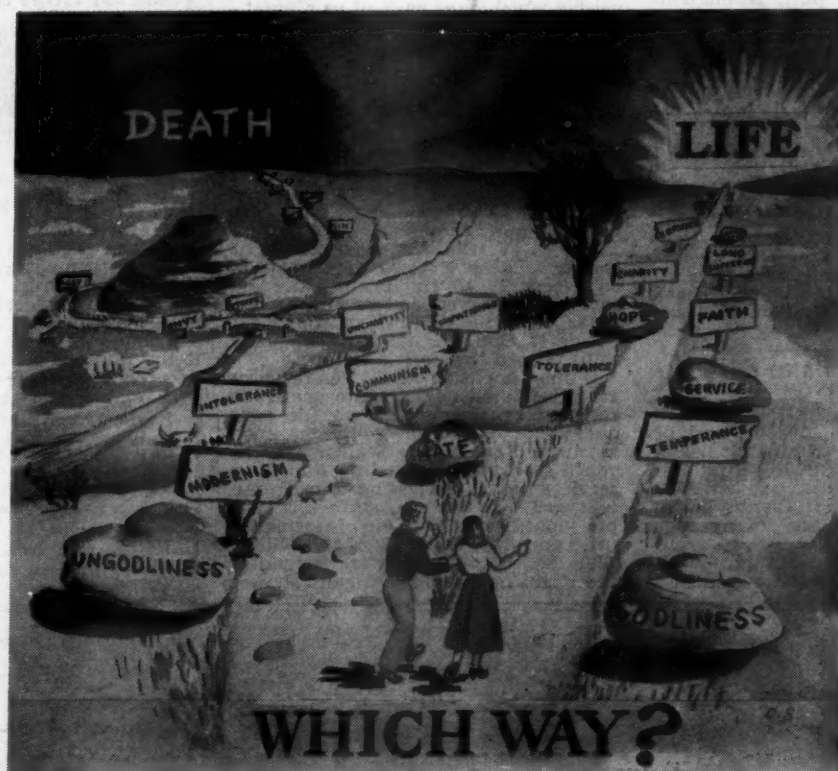
Word has come that Rev. D. P. Barnett, an ordained minister, well known and loved throughout the church, died August 1, 1952.

Word has just been received that Brother Dick Lewis, of Tennessee, died June 2, 1952. Brother Lewis was an exhorter.



The above is a picture of the Daily Vacation Bible School at Mercersburg, Penna. The enrollment was 243. This is a new church and bids fair to be one of the best in the State. The pastor is Sarah Clayton.—A. G. Thompson, state youth director.

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